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Sir:

STATUS REQUEST

A Response to the Notice to Comply attached to the Communication dated August 19, 2010 was filed on September 15, 2010. This application was filed over 10 years ago and has yet to receive a first action on the merits. The Office is requested to advise the undersigned when a first Office Action on the merits will be forthcoming.

Respectfully submitted.

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